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To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of Vermont to convene at Bennington on the 2d Thursday of next Instant the petition of the subscribers Inhabitants of the Southerly part of Rutland County Humbly Sheweth

That the subscribers are of that description of Persons who have the Authority of this State by adhering unto the Authority of the United States in Congress Assembled Sept. 24th 1779. Also June the 2nd 1780. and of the 5th Dec. 1782. as well also that of the State of New-York, by which we have had many and repeated encouragements for to abide, and for to Strictly adhere unto the above. Resolves of Congress for the which we have rendered ourselves liable to be treated as Rebels to the Laws and Authority of this State and by our adhering unto the above resolutions and Recommendations of Congress & New-York we have suffered Imprisonment and Confiscation of our Estates and now a number of us stand bound over unto the Superior Court in February next and now after a long Trial of public Faith & finding it unavailable unto us, and we now are determined for to break off all our connections with and our Allegiance unto all other States but with the State of Vermont. With the proviso that we now may be allowed the privilege of being treated only as subjects of this State., Now we your Humble Petitioners have layed before the Honourable Assembly the true state of our affairs and the reason why we have done as we have done, Now Gentlemen we pray that our affairs may be duly weighed and Considered and if that it can be found Consistant with that Honorable Board we now humbly pray that we your petitioners may have our Bonds taken off and a restitution of our Estates made unto us again or that part thereof that Honorable Board shall see fit to grant unto us & nowwe for ourselves each of us promise that we will have no hand in any insurrections either direct or indirectly or by any way hereafter. that may be fomented against this State and in all things to behave as quiet Subjects of this State, as in duty bound shall ever pray

Guilford Oct. the 9th day 1784.

Henry Evans William White Samuel Meelandy
Samuel Birsby Joseph Elliot Giles Roberts

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State of Vermont.

In Gen.l Assembly Oct.r 25-1784.

The within Petition was read and referred to a Committee of five to join a Committee from the Council to take the same under consideration, State facts & report of their opinion to this House, also the petition signed Timothy Church was read and referred to the same Committee — the members chosen — Mess.r Knight — Mess.r Weld, Mess.r Willson. Mr Bridgman and Mr Knowlton —

Attest Robert Hopkins Clerk.

In Council 25.th Oct.r 1784,

Mess.r Fletcher is appointed to join the above Committee for the above purpose —

Jonas Fay - Sec.y P. T.

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Bennington February 25th 1784.

To the Honorable General Assembly of the State of Vermont now setting.
The Petition of the subscribers humbly sheweth that on the 16th day of Jan. last, A Band from the oppposers of this Government assaulted the House of Landlord Armes in Brattleborough and after firing several Muskets balls with Buck Shot into the House, they entered and in their common desperate manner took Ensign Oliver Waters whom they conveyed on foot to the edge of the Massachusetts State where they put on his hands a large weight of ill shaped Iron and delivered him into the care of two of their party, who was ordered to carry him to
The news reached Halifax on the night of the 17th by express from Lieut. John Noyes of Guilford when immediately your petitioners procured Horses, and Arms pursued and overtook them and Mar Waters at Northampton your petitioners (then in high spirits) knowing that Timothy Phelps was then in Hadley, bound to New-York and Congress with intercepting papers, resolved, that he should return in the way Mar Waters went out. They accordingly went into the House where he was and notwithstanding high resistance from his Brother he took him and brought him as far as Deerfield, but was there unhappily overtaken by the High Sheriff of Hampshire and 24 men with a Warrant from a Justice of the Peace of that County unto whom Phelps Brother had represented your Petitioners as Rioters — the Sheriff uttering these words when he came into the House, (where is these damned Vermonters) meaning your petitioners, take them and his company for Yorkers, and consequently set upon them and in all probability (although our party was small to that of his) should have killed or taken them had he not cryed out I am the High Sheriff of the County of Hampshire upon which we tamely submitted, was carried back Tried by three Justices and four of our company was adjudged to pay in fines and cost £21: 8: 0. This was done entirely through the instrumentality of Phelpses Brother. The High Sheriff declaring in open Court we were good fellows, and although he had received more wounds than all the rest he frankly forgave us and promised his assistance for the
Both as a Gentleman and a Magistrate in preventing our people from being carried through that vicinity by the Yorkers &c

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Now your petitioners did all this Soully out of Loyalty & Friendship to this Government. And although we did not carry our points in every thing yet we prevented Mr Waters from being now confirmed in New-York which doubtless the Tories would have Strived much in. And also obtained the favour of the officer in Massachusetts State before mentioned which will in all probability be interrupting to this State. Now your petitioners in the management of the whole of this Business have experience in silver money at least £ 6 " 9 " 7 " besides what was before mentioned & in time horses, vide &c which cannot be estimated at less than 21 £ 16 " 4 " as has been carefully calculated, your petitioners therefore earnestly & humbly desire that the Honourable Assembly would take their case into their wise consideration and grant unto your petitioners such relief and in such way as to your Honours shall seem most agreeable, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Joseph Bicker, Elijah Phelps, Samuel Denson, Thomas Watt, Gersham Hays,
John Hays, Oliver Waters, Jack, Caleb Moen, Steven Gates,
Philamon Story, Thomas " Timothy Woodard, Daniel Wallworth,
Nathan Whitney, Daniel Williams, Benjns "
State of Vermont.

In General Assembly Feb 26th 1784

The aforesaid Petition was read and referred to a Committee of three to join a Committee from the Council to take the same under consideration. State facts and make reports — the members chosen Mr Knight — Mr Mark, Mr Lyon —

Attest: Rob. Hopkins Clerk

In Council F. C. 26th 1784.

The within petition being read, resolved that Mr. Allen join the Committee —

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To the Honorable General Assembly —

Your Committee to whom was referred the within Petition beg leave to report (Viz) That the Prayer thereof be granted, and that an order be passed directing the Sale of so much of the Estate of Charles Phelps of Marlborough lately confiscated to the use of this State as will fetch the sum of £ 79 : 13 : 11 being the Sum due the within Petitioners and that said sale and payment be under such regulations as the Legislature may direct ——

By order I Allen for Com[te].

In General Assembly March 5th 1784.

The aforesaid report was read and accepted and ordered that a Bill be brought in accordingly —

Attest Rob Hopkins Clerk —

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State of Vermont } To his Excellency the Gov. and the Hon.ble
Council of the State of Vermont.

The Petition of Loyal Carpenter of Guilford in the County of Windham. Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner was convicted at the superior Court holden at Westminister in the County of Windham on the first Tuesday of Feb. 1784. of being concerned in a dangerous riot and was sentenced by said Court to pay a fine of 20 £. and cost of prosecution.

Your Petitioner would inform your Honors that he is a poor Man, and entirely unable at present to pay said Fine & cost. your petitioner has since taken the oath of allegiance and means for the future to consider himself as a good and peacable subject.

Your petitioner would therefore pray your Honors to remit to him his fine or otherwise suspend the collection of it to some future day in which time your petitioner may be able to pay the same, and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

Dated at Guilford this 21st day of Feb. 1784.

Loyal Carpenter

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State of Vermont- } To the Sheriff of the County of Windham
County of Windham } or his Deputy — Greeting

Whereas the Grand Jurors for the Freemen of the State of Vermont and for the body of the County of Windham before the superior Court holden at Westminister within and for the County of Windham the first Tuesday of February 1784: did on their oath present, that Henry Evans, Joseph Elliot; Joseph Peck Hezekiah Broad, William White, Samuel and Samuel Reiply all of Guilford in said County did on the 21st of Jan. 1784. at Guilford aforesaid riotously and unlawfully assemble themselves together with intent to disturb and break Peace and being so assembled and gathered together, a violent assault did make on the body of Silvanus Fisk and other Liege subjects of the said State did discharge a Gun and wounded the said Silvanus so that his life was greatly despaired of, and other injuries then and there did against the Peace, as by the Records and Files of said County may appear — These are therefore in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont to command to apprehend the Bodies of the said Henry, Josephs Hezekiah, William Samuel, Daniel, and them have before me at some other Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Windham to be dealt with as the Law and Justice appertains — Given under my hand at Westminister this Twenty Eighth day of June. Anno Domini. 1784 —

Nathan Fisk — Jus. Peace —

In obedience to the command I have served this Precept by taking the Bodies of all the within named persons except Hezekiah Broad Joseph Peck, and Daniel and have them ready in Court before your worships — Guilford the 8th day of July 1784. —

Attest- Oliver Waters Depty. Sheriff —

Travils, Services and assistance.
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Giles Roberts. Ole Man —
Ebenezer Roberts Young —

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To the Sheriff of the County of Windham his deputy or either Constable of Westminister, and for want of such officers to Experience Fisk of Westminister. Greeting —

Whereas Charles Phelps of Marlborough in the County of Windham was Indicted before the Honorable Superior Court at their Session holden at Westminister in the County of Windham Sept. Term. 1782. for treasonable Conduct against the Government of the State of Vermont and being this day apprehended and brought before me the subscribing authority was sentenced to be committed to some sufficient Goal in this State where to be close kept without Bail or till delivered by due course of Law

These are therefore to command you in the name and by the Authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, to take the Body of Charles Phelps and him commit into the keeper of the Goal in Westminister in said County who is hereby commanded to receive the Body of the said Charles Phelps and him close keep without Bail or mainprise till delivered by due course of Law. Here of fail not;

Dated at Westminister this 7th day of Jan. 1784.

Nathan Fisk Just. Peace.

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State of Vermont } To the Sheriff of the County of Windham
County of Windham } or his Deputy Greeting.

Whereas the Grand Jurors for the Freemen of the State of Vermont and the Body of the County of Windham before the superior Court holden at Westminister within and for the County of Windham on the first Tuesday of February 1784. did on their oath present, that Henry Evans, Joseph Peck, Samuel Melody, and Joseph ——— all of Guilford in said County did on the 21st day of Jan'y. 1784. at Gilford aforesaid, did riotously, rowdously, and unlawfully, assemble themselves together with intent to disturb and break the peace, and being so assembled and gathered together, a violent assault did make on the Body of Silvanus Fisk, and other liege subjects of this State, did discharge a Gun and wound the said Silvanus, so that his life was greatly despaired of, and other injuries there and then did against the Peace as by the Files and records of said Court appears.

These are therefore in the Name and Authority of the Freemen of the state of Vermont to command you to apprehend the Bodies of the aforesaid Henry, Joseph,

and bring them before me or some other Justice of the Peace within the aforesaid County, that they may be dealt with as to Law and Justice appertains.

Given under my hand at Westminister this 28th day of June.

Anno Domini 1784.

Nathan Fisk, Jus. Peace.